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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A pry bar tool assembly for performing pry bar tasks comprising:

a fulcrum, at least two bar ends having differing bar end tips for different pry bar usage and at least two handles of different lengths, said fulcrum configured to have a curved pivotal bottom surface, a flat top portion having a front end, and said fulcrum having a rear end;

said handles each releasably and replaceably connectable at one end of said handles to the rear end of the fulcrum and extended rearwardly from said rear end at different lengths from said rear end for different pry bar leverage, and each bar end having a connection opposite said bar end tips releasably and replaceably connectable to the flat top portion and extended forward of the front end of said fulcrum whereby said at least two bar ends and said at least two handles can be selectively assembled and reassembled to said fulcrum to provide at least four pry bar tool configurations.

2. (Original) A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 1 wherein the fulcrum flat top portion has a series of threaded screw/bolt receiving holes aligned lengthwise between the rear and front ends and said bar ends having a series of screw/bolt receiving openings that are matable with certain of the threaded screw/bolt receiving holes of the fulcrum for selective insertion of screws/bolts and thereby securement of either bar end to the fulcrum top for extension from the fulcrum front end.

3. (Original) A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 2 wherein at least one of the bar ends can be projected from the front end of the fulcrum at different lengths by the discriminate selection of different screw/bolt receiving openings mated with the bar end screw/bolt receiving openings.

4. (Original) A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 1 wherein the handles have an outer threaded cylindrical surface end portion with exterior screw threads thereon and said fulcrum rear end has a mated interior cylindrical opening threaded to receive said threaded outer cylindrical surface end portions of said handles.

5. (Original) A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 3 wherein the handles have an outer threaded cylindrical surface end portion with exterior screw threads thereon and said fulcrum rear end has a mated interior cylindrical opening threaded to receive said threaded outer cylindrical surface end portions of said handles.

6. (Currently amended) A pry bar tool assembly as defined in Claim 1 wherein at least one of said bar ends, when secured to said fulcrum, has a bar end tip with

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a sharpened flat end portion, said sharpened flat end portion discriminately angled whereby with the pivotal bottom of the fulcrum supported on a planar support surface and the bar end flat end portion engaged with the same support surface, said flat end portion is extended substantially parallel to the plane of the support surface for insertion under an item lying on the support surface.

7. (Currently amended) A system for customization of a pry bar to different prior bar tasks in construction and/or demolition, which system comprises:

a fulcrum, handle and a bar end having a bar end tip, and assembled together to provide beneficial properties applicable to the performance of a prying task, one of said handle and bar end being removable and replaceable with an alternate handle of a different length for different pry bar leverage or bar end having a different bar end tip and as alternately assembled, providing different beneficial properties applicable to perform a different pry bar task.

8. (Currently amended) A system as defined in Claim 7 wherein said handle is removable and replaceable with a handle of a different length and providing the beneficial property of different leverage advantages to the user.

9. (Currently amended) A system as defined in Claim 7 wherein said bar end is removable and replaceable with a bar end of a different bar end tip, said bar end tip of said bar ends configured to beneficially perform different pry bar tasks.

10. (Currently amended) A system as defined in Claim 7 wherein said handle and said bar end are both removable and replaceable to selectively provide multiple combinations of pry bar types for performance of multiple pry bar tasks.

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